

**Affordable Housing Coalition Minutes**  
**April 16, 2013**

**Present:** Rick Ball, Lynn Barbe, Pam Benson, Jeff Corey, Maude Dornfeld, Lynn Gerlach-Collard, Tracey Howg, Erich Lutz, Dan Moore, Daniel Peterson, Sarah Priest, Dana Race, Kim Rudolph, Carla Schneider, Carol Schultz, Angie Skogsted, Lynne Snyder, Lee Stuart, Matt Traynor

**1. Welcome/ Introductions/Announcements**

- A. Matt Traynor announced Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness Summit to be held May 2nd from 1--5PM at First United Methodist Church. All are welcome. Please spread the word.
- B. AICHO VDay event on April 19, 2013 from 5--9PM--the Vagina Monologues—raising money to prevent domestic violence.

**2. Review & Approval of March Minutes and April Agenda**

**3. Agency Work/Activity Presentations**

- A. Life House Presentation by Erich Lutz and Maude Dornfeld
  - 1. The Expressway – a path from drop-in center or outreach worker to help youth to access housing, education, health and employment services in a holistic manner
  - 2. Life House Prom – Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm. Looking for formal wear – especial for males.
- B. AICHO Presentation by Tracey Howg
  - 1. A few units at Gimajii are still needing tenants, but mostly are filled and fulfilling a great need in the community. Supportive services are essential and intensive.

**4. Treasurer's Report—Carol Schultz:**

- A. \$1276.79 is the balance this month. Report approved unanimously.

**5. Officer Elections—**Slate of officers below was approved by unanimous vote and thanks were expressed all around for Dan and Erich stepping up to leadership positions.

Vice Chair: Dan Moore, Salvation Army

Secretary: Erich Lutz, Life House

**6. Proposal for May or June AHC Discussion on Fair Housing—**Carla suggested that Bob Grythdahl from the City should be invited. All agreed, and Carla volunteered to contact him. Jeff said Sarah should take Carla up on this offer. Carla said Jeff should focus on taking notes. It was decided that we would push off this presentation until June since we had already lined up Chip Halbach to attend the May AHC meeting and present on legislative goings-on.

**7. AHC To-Do List and Advocacy Platform Presentation and Discussion—**See attached documents for details.

**8. Heading Home St. Louis County Leadership Council—**Lynn Gerlach-Collard reported the following: Most recent minutes should be on County Website next week. This past month they discussed FHPHP and committee members without conflicts reviewed and ranked projects. McKinney-Vento funding was all approved as presented. 723-8052 is Lynne's # if you would like to discuss any Leadership Council issues further. Next Wednesday they meet in Duluth with a site visit at Life House and Renaissance. Meeting to start at 12 Noon likely at Sammy's .

**9. City/County Staff Discussion Items—**City and County staff were not present, so no updates were given.

10. **Project Coordination/Prioritization Discussion**—Rick Ball gave an overview of where we are and how we got there. Currently, there are just two projects in the mix for Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Gateway is not going forward with application for LIHTC. Pastoret and Lincoln Park School are the two planning to go forward. The consensus was that the AHC will continue to monitor projects but not weigh in on either at this time. We will ask Chip Halbach to review the RFP and QAP processes for LIHTC in May.
11. **Seaway Hotel Update**—Rick Ball reported they are working to determine if SBA or other resources can be used. Both positive and negative press of late. There continue to be tenant and management issues. The potential funding sources for further repairs may result in further regulatory demands on management/owner.
12. **Landlord/Tenant remediation services update**—Matt Traynor reported that the ad hoc group has data has been compiled. Matt reports it is evident that there is need. Next steps? Ad hoc group will touch base with Dan Williams of LSS for more planning. Also, group will check to see if appropriate for Super NOFA.
13. **Committee Meeting Report-Out / Summaries for March**
- Homeless Response Committee— today's meeting was cancelled.
  - Support Services Committee – Dan Peterson and company reported on this committee's work in the to-do list discussion referenced above.
  - Advocacy Committee – Rick Ball-- Struggling to get participation at new time and location. Next meeting is Monday June 17 at 3:30 at One Roof. Efforts statewide to lobby have been paying off. It looks as though there will be funds included in budgets from both houses and the Governor. It looks positive that funding on the Homes for All platform will come through at some level.
14. Other: Dan Moore thinks he has funding lined up for the Mobile Dental Van for the rest of the year.
15. **Adjourn**

**The next AHC meeting will be held on Tues, May 21, 2013, 10:00am Central Hillside Community Center.**